The use of cell phones on airplanes is not only a nusiance, distracting, annoying/stressful, but unsafe! I can't begin to tell you how many times I've had, as a flight attendant, to request passengers turn off their phones while trying to brief overwing exits, to give safety demos or prepare the cabin for departure but in an emergency situation they'd all be making calls and not following instructions for evacuation! It's unnerving enough to travel these days with security issues but to have "Joe Obnoxious" sitting next to you on business calls or "Sammy Self-Important" yapping for hours while you are stuck next to him in a middle seat is cruel and inhumane. If you want to see more confrontations and assaults on the planes just let people have free use of their cell phones. I quarantee you that somebody who wants to sleep will smack the daylights out of someone who is a loud mouth, inconsiderate cell phone user. Also, has anyone considered how easy it will be for hijackers to coordinate their efforts if allowed to communicate by cell phone will in the air?!!!! Bannish the thought of cell phone usage while in flight, BAD IDEA!!!